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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of : September 20, 2004  
J.M. Halbout, et al : Group Art No.: 3629  
Serial No. 09/494,643 : Examiner: Richard S. Woo  
Filed: January 31, 2000 : for IBM Corporation  
Anne Vachon Dougherty  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR 3173 Cedar Road  
MEASURING AND PRICING Yorktown Hts, NY 10598  
MIDRANGE COMPUTER SERVER  
OUTSOURCING SERVICES

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
FOR RESPONSE (37 CFR 1.17(a))

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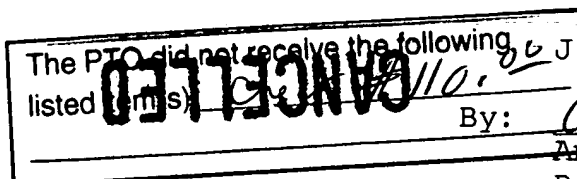
Applicants respectfully submit a Petition for Extension of Time for Response (37 CFR 1.17(a)). The period for response to the Office Action in the above-identified application, which was set to expire on August 19, 2004 will now expire on September 20, 2004 (the 19th having fallen on a Sunday). Applicants include a check in the amount of \$110.00 as payment for the one month extension.

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Respectfully submitted,



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